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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENT AID FOR DUTCH READY-MADE CLOTHING INDUSTRY

1. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTER PRONK HAS EARMARKED EIGHT MILLION GUILDERS (ONE DOLLAR PRESENTLY EQUALS 2.46 GUILDER) TO FINANCE THE PLANNED REORGANIZATION OF THE DUTCH READY-MADE CLOTHING INDUSTRY. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN, CARRIED OUT BY THE NETHERLANDS RESTRUCTURING COMPANY (NEHEM), IS TO MAKE THE READY-MADE CLOTHING INDUSTRY VIABLE BY 1980 BY SUPPORTING PROJECTS BASED ON THE PLANS OF SEPARATE COMPANIES.

2. THE AMOUNT OF EIGHT MILLION GUILDERS IS ABOUT 30 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SUM BEING MADE AVAILABLE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT AND SPEED UP A RESTRUCTURING OF THE INDUSTRY THROUGH CREDITS AND SUBSIDIES. THE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION MINISTRY'S CONTRIBUTION IS JUSTIFIED BY THE FACTS (A) THAT BETWEEN 20
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AND 25 PERCENT OF DUTCH IMPORTS OF READY-MADE CLOTHING ORIGINATE IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND (B) THAT THE FAST DROP IN EMPLOYMENT IN THIS ECTOR IS DUE PARTLY TO SUCH IMPORTS. THE MINISTER FEELS THAT THE RESTRUCTURING SCHEME WOULD PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF HIGH QUALITY DOMESTIC PRODUCTION THAT WOULD COMPETE LESS WITH THE INDUSTRIES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. COMMENT: IN THE PAST FEW YEARS PRONK DECIDED ON SIMILAR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER REORGANIZATIONS PROJECTS BY THE DUTCH TEXTILE INDUSTRY. ALL THESE AMOUNTS HAVE BEEN PAID FROM A SPECIAL FUND FOR READJUSTMENT OF INDUSTRIES HIT BY COMPETITION FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN 1975, WHEN THE FUND WAS FOUNDED, 35 MILLION GUILDERS WERE MADE AVAILABLE: IN 1976, ANOTHER 35 MILLION GUILDERS WERE SET ASIDE AND THIS YEAR 10 MILLION GUILDERS HAVE BEEN EARMARKED.
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